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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the Month of November, 1949.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1949 was estimated to be 532,667, comprising 273,548 Males and 259,119 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	403	365	4,012	4,150
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.80	8.31	9.07	9.69
Births.....No.	1,269	1,126	11,257	10,776
* Rate per 1000 of Population	27.72	25.64	25.45	25.15
Deaths.....No.	405	357	4,019	3,936
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.85	8.13	9.09	9.19
Infant Mortality.....No.	35	22	291	276
Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.58	19.54	25.85	25.61
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	14	17	113	142
Cancer	52	40	558	518
Influenza	-	4	11	22
Diptheria	-	-	4	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	41	36	377	353
Arteriosclerosis	15	15	137	123
Diseases of the Heart	117	105	1,261	1,190
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	15	18	200	246
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	2	35	21
Nephritis	19	16	132	147
Diseases of Early Infancy	20	15	178	154
Senility	6	4	66	67
Accidents	23	23	263	232
All Other Causes	78	62	684	715
TOTAL:	405	357	4,019	3,936

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, totalled 693,844 acres, a decrease of 133,749 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,121,696 acres, a decrease of 3,111,213 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of November		5 Months ended November	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	2,446,635	1,573,092	9,107,952	7,149,225
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£4.10. 5	£3. 0. 6	£16.19. 3	£13.16. 0
Expenditure	2,081,983	1,628,067	9,503,614	8,131,942
Expenditure per Head of Popln	£3.17. 0	£3. 2. 7	£17.14. 0	£15.13.11

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th November amounted to £38,367,007 or £70.15.9 per head of population as against £36,445,938 or £69.19.7 per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th November, 1949, amounted to £7,821,725 compared with £6,410,551 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		November		5 months ended November	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No	1785	1759	8778	8169
	£	1,572,158	937,488	6,513,943	4,147,117
Mortgages	No.	1139	916	5278	4550
	£	1,148,691	886,174	6,011,814	4,328,589
Discharge of Mortgages	No	892	782	4,340	4,073

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is not Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1948	14,870,843	11,013,911	37,726,747	1,812,929
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Month of November, 1949	1,855,465	1,281,343	4,273,534	205,322
Month of November, 1948	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
Five months to November, 1949	8,500,457	5,284,896	19,597,425	961,087
Five months to November, 1948	7,194,664	4,804,041	18,122,227	828,192

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

50 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,589,000 and 29 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 59 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,471,500 and 24 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	5 Months ended November					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	13	14,313	39,923	8	4,911	1,125
Deeds of Assignment (a)	12	37,674	18,258	9	47,453	39,547
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

T R A N S P O R T.

The Operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

		October		4 Months ended October	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£	559,600	469,100	1,946,300	1,693,200
Working Expenses (a)	£	555,125	551,076	2,328,653	2,183,354
Train Miles Run	No.	577,101	600,760	2,067,707	2,360,093
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 92,642	76,215	(c) 347,545	292,474
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	1,029,705	1,134,125	3,742,679	4,354,380
Motor Bus	No.	37,914	25,534	145,521	96,361
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		219,984	211,247	840,259	855,133
Livestock		18,975	18,764	50,067	59,730
Departmental (Free Freight)		49,797	48,679	170,944	199,176
TOTAL		288,756	278,690	1,061,270	1,114,039
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		35,219,942	32,155,290	128,639,293	126,735,078
Livestock		2,315,357	2,209,973	7,261,747	8,211,586
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,279,933	7,556,107	26,416,130	31,726.090
TOTAL		45,815,232	41,921,370	162,317,170	166,672,754

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 22nd October. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 22nd October.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES.)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars	Wagons, Vans Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112
July	234	53	11	73	597	328	28	164
August	285	89	8	69	562	291	11	133
September	256	93	7	113	533	282	13	216
October	335	130	4	86	662	448	11	171

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars	Wagons Vans Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949. -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
July	25,008	11,522	362	6,508	38,226	32,932	670	9,358
August	25,035	11,519	367	6,562	39,865	35,892	693	9,956
September	25,108	11,582	380	6,715	40,675	37,036	718	10,410
October	25,145	11,637	398	6,818	40,880	37,446	735	10,695

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for October, 1949, 133 Cars; 594 Wagons, Vans etc.; 10 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, October, 1949 and 1948 and 4 months ending October, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	October		4 Months ended October		October		4 Months ended October	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Oversea	2,326	1,750	8,548	7,337	4,908	3,754	15,616	14,413
Interstate	3,106	2,801	10,932	10,222	520	378	2,055	1,572
TOTAL	5,432	4,551	19,480	17,559	5,428	4,132	17,671	15,985

BUILDING ACTIVITY

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,241	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1948 - Sept.Qr.	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041
1949 - Sept. Qr.	223	190	633	912	12	35	66	178	934	1,315

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete etc		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 - Sept. Qr.	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821
1949 - Sept. Qr.	391	592	61	52	385	417	17	17	854	1,078

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,347,462 lbs. were produced during October, 1940, and 7,838,838 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1949, as against 2,368,798 and 7,863,343 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	60,754	57,740	588,129	607,373
Value (Aust. Currency) £	941,378	621,428	7,182,984	6,536,857

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1949, amounted to £461,391. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £526,939.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000.)

TOWN	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	NOVEMBER		11 MONTHS ENDED NOVEMVER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1495	1332	1431	1243	1435	1282	1374	1233
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1622	1459	1567	1385	1525	1303	1470	1338
Northam	1506	1355	1450	1264	1446	1289	1384	1241
Bunbury	1496	1339	1438	1249	1447	1298	1388	1245
Geraldton	1533	1359	1466	1272	1494	1344	1440	1294
Collie	1501	1345	1450	1258	1377	1237	1322	1186

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147	113,010	37,928	150,938
July	109,375	37,154	146,529	111,190	37,991	149,181
August	108,611	37,073	145,684	113,003	38,098	151,101
September	109,416	37,224	146,640	113,933	38,358	152,291
October	110,240	37,592	147,832			
November	111,010	37,704	148,714			
December	111,491	38,015	149,506			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Emppoyees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1359
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177	178	903	1087	1153	1277	1362
July	146	157	167	177(a)	173	899	1096	1168	1301	1381
August	145	159	167	176	178	897	1109	1181	1294	1377
September	143	160	168	177	182	914	1114	1172	1302	1365
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948, are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948-									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	50	38	-	38	106	2	108
1949 -									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	53	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90
June (a)	61	7	68	47	4	51	100	7	107

(a) Subject to Revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d	£. s. d	£. s. d	£. s. d	£. s. d	£. s. d
24th October, 1949	6.15.11	3.13. 5	6.15. 4	3.13. 1	7. 2.11	3.17. 2

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	NOVEMBER		5 MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	20,740	19,671	89,376	98,555
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	17,856	15,926	75,564	83,566

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
November, 1949	5,541	474	164,609	9,939
November, 1948	5,918	556	187,379	13,018
11 Months ended October, 1949	99,282	4,781	815,253	99,277
11 Months ended October, 1948	96,338	4,572	862,146	106,408

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